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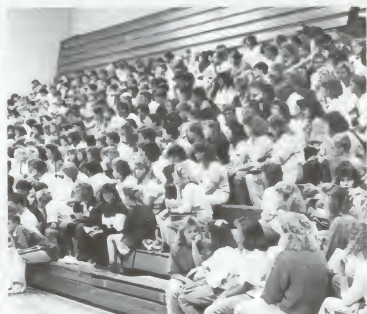
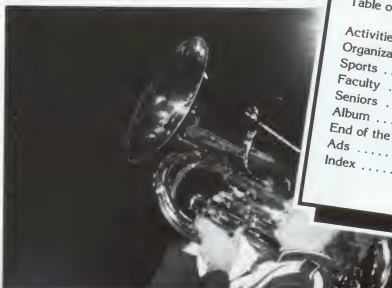




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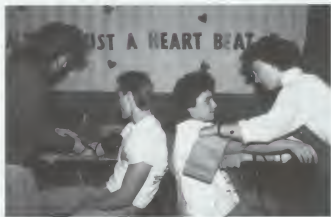




Students Get Involved



And Work Hard!





An Active Year at R.C.H.S.

During the course of the 1987-1988 school year, many activities kept students busy.

Students backed and supported not only our talented sports teams such as golf, wrestling, and basketball, but also showed support as we cheered the spellers on to victory. There was also much cheering at Christmas time as we were rocked at an exciting concert given by the singing

and guitar playing Renee Garcia.

Our organizations continued to keep both students and faculty busy as they presented programs or took part in other various activities. Sigma Digamma gave us a taste of other countries at the annual Mardi Gras in February, while students interested in the Rotary foreign exchange program joined Interact. We were also enter-

tained by the Drama Club as they presented the spring play. Some drama club members also took a bite of the 'Big Apple' as they toured New York City and visited a play in Chicago.

There was always an activity taking place during the '87-'88 school year. Rensselaer Central offered something to suit almost all tastes, and the Bombers were there, enjoying it all.



Once Upon a Mattress

The R.C.H.S. 1988 musical "Once Upon a Mattress" was a smash hit! The play, based on the story of the princess and the pea, was dished with a large dose of hilarious comedy and a bit of medieval romance. The musical's variety of characters had the audience captivated and in stitches. The production's success is due to a lot of hard work and long hours put in by everyone.

This year was Mrs. Nesbitt's last year for directing the school play, a career which included *West Side Story* and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. A special thanks goes to "Kathy", her assistant director Mrs. Downard, and Mr. Kennedy, the musical director and everyone else on and around the stage for their effort and dedication.



Is a Royal Success!!



Pictured on opposite page: (top) the mute King Sextimus, Jeremy Korniak, tries to pantomime a message for the Jester, Greg Michael. Bottom left: Prince Dauntless, Jamie Ahler, sings to Lady Larkin, Lacey Ford, of his loss of another potential princess. Bottom right: Princess Winnifred, Lisa Lintner, sings of the "Swamps of Home".

Pictured on this page: (top) Queen Aggravain, Juli Wright, is shocked when Sir Harry, Rick Stefanich, announces that Winnifred is a true blood princess. Bottom left: Queen Aggravain and the Wizard, Steve Downard, sing about sensitivity. Bottom right: Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Michael make their cameo appearances.



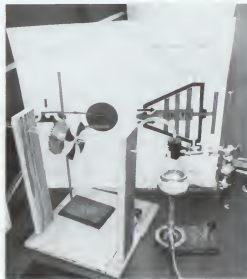
To the right: the cast of *Once Upon a Mattress*. Directly below: Winnifred gives advice to Lady Larken. Bottom left: minstrel sings the story of "The Princess and the Pea." Lower right: Steve Downard is being transformed into The Wizard by Beth Ockermann.



Academic Activities



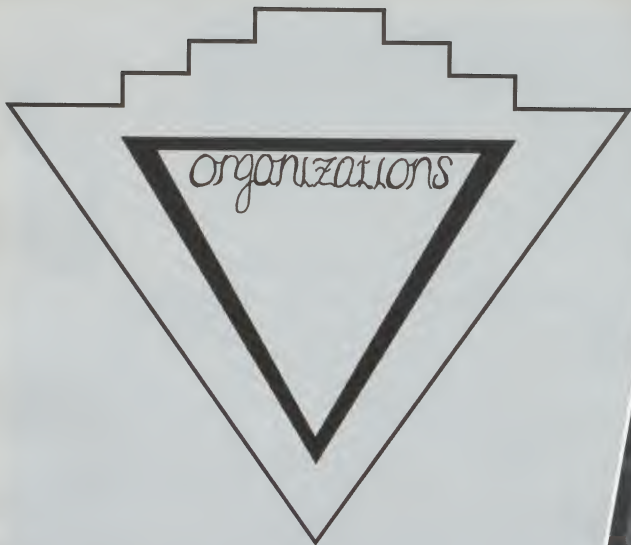
Science Fair 1988



This Team Spells Success

The '88 Bomber spellers succeeded in winning the district and placed 3rd in the state. Members include: (back row) Sponsor Mrs. Cappuccilli, Julie Bilyeu, Wendi Schrum, Roger Nagel, David Stowers, A.J. Wortley, and Dave Walker; (front row) Tracey Tucker, Sarah Steiner, Scott Jennings, Jason Teeters, and Laura Stefanich.

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People Helping People

There are over 20 organizations at R.C.H.S., many of which focus on helping people.

Bombers Against Drunk Driving, or more familiar to the student body as B.A.D.D., is a very important organization. Its purpose is to help make the student body aware that the problem of drunk driving does exist and that saying no to alcohol is okay.

Bombers are aware

though, that there are some students who cannot say "no" to peer pressure and that is where H.U.G., or Help Us Grow, comes in. H.U.G. is an organization that was formed during the 1986-1987 school year to help counsel those students who may be in need. So far, there has been a strong response to the program, which means there is a great chance of R.C.H.S. seeing H.U.G. again in 1989.

Another club that was formed during the 1987-1988 school year is Interact. Interact is a Rotary sponsored club whose purpose is to serve the community and the school corporation. Not much was accomplished during its first year because the club was new and there were complications with the meetings. Hopefully, Interact will have its feet on the ground during the next school year to serve Rensselaer.

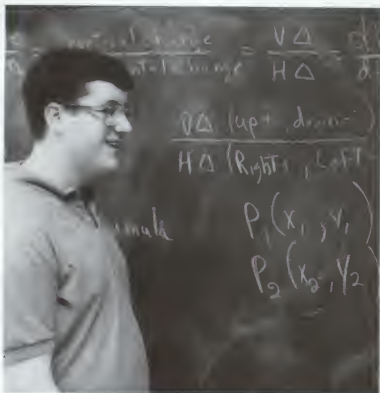


Math and Computer Teams Have Winning Season!

The members of the computer and math teams exert their talents and intellectual ideas while competing in area math and computer competitions. Successfully, the members of the teams completed problems presented to them in their competitions. The Computer Team participated in the St. Joseph's College Invitational Computer Contest. A group of four Rensselaer High School students together as a team, competed in the St. Joe computer invitational. The team consisted of Jason Teeters, Bob Kenny, John Gropp and Brad Rodefer. They were given five problems

and one half hour to complete each problem. Points were given for the correct problem and points were given for the least time for completion of the problems. In this particular competition, our computer team came away with first place, an honorable position for RCHS. The Math Team participated in competitions such as the Chesterton Meet. The areas of competition consisted of Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, and comprehensive mathematics. Many math students from RCHS worked as both individuals and as a team. The contest was divided into two phases: one was

problems assigned to the individual contestant, and the other was problems assigned to teams consisting of different school students. Heather Mason placed first while working on a team with other school students. Tara Ulm placed eleventh in the Algebra II competition as an individual. Twenty-two schools participated in the Chesterton competition, where each school was allowed three contestants. Rensselaer Central High School's students who participated in the competition placed third overall in their division. Congratulations to a job well done.



Directly above is David Stowers, a senior displaying his mathematical skills. To the right are Rensselaer Central High School students working diligently on a computer program. Gerinny Jones, Karen Jung and Jason Teeters help one another to solve all the computer's personal problems.



Science Club Takes Off . . .



Front row: Deanne Welch, Heidi Nagel, Lisa Pratt, Gretchen Schulenburg, Kim Pierson, Erica Murray, Donna Curnutt, Cheryl Burdick. Second row: Bill Knouff, David Robledo, David Roberts, Corey Staddon, Kent Potts, David Odle, Mike Sayers, Chris Bufkin, Wade Shuey, Mike Frailey.

The science club was organized in the fall of 1987. The purpose of this club is to develop an interest in the field of science and to learn how it relates to the world around us.

Their first activity was a camp out at Indiana Dunes State Park in late fall, the last part of October. They visited a fish hatchery, studied the formation of the dunes, and went hiking on the trails.

A trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago was enjoyed by many of the members during Christmas break.

Plans are being made for 1988-1989 projects and trips. Their goal is to have some money making projects "so we can go camping in Florida over spring break."

BADD Educates



Members of BADD are: (front row) Lisa Murphy, Ruth Odle, Debi Shearer, Kim Haun, Paula Herre, Angie Jordan, Cathy Lane; middle: Alesia Killmer, Terri Hicks, Renee Woolley, Kathy Hodnett, Melissa Killmer, Tracy Justice; and last row: Corey Staddon, Brad Rodeffer, Marcy Robledo, A.J. VanMeter, Mike Skynard, Elaine Reyes, and sponsor Mrs. Messman.

BADD officers are from left to right: Marcy Robledo, Corey Staddon, Elaine Reyes.



BADD members have tried to get their point across in many ways. One of these was a trip to talk to the 5th graders about the effects of drugs and alcohol on a person and the family. They also put fliers on lockers at Christmas time and give away information at Prom.

They feel that this information is very vital in preventing this terrible disease which affects so many people and is so dangerous.

All the World's a Stage

This was the second year for the R.C.H.S. Drama Club. This growing organization consists of many talented actors and actresses. A number of the drama club members participated in the school musical this year. Another activity that the drama club participated in was going to Chicago to see "The Nerd", a comedy at the Royal George Theatre. This coming fall the drama club will be presenting *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The lead roles for this play are as follows: Mike Kleist, Lori Dale, Pat Schutrow, Susie Lintner, and Sherrie Hall.

Top: Gina Leichty, Jennifer Putt, Jenni Snyder, and Sherrie Hall do some mock acting.

Below: Lisa Lintner and Daphne Smith do some acting for this picture.



Above: Lisa Lintner reads her script for the upcoming play, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

Bottom right: The Drama Club poses for another picture.





RCHS Clubs:

SERVICE TO SCHOOL, COMMUNITY

Many clubs in our school are interested in promoting concern for those at RCHS and in our community. Such clubs are Hug, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Interact. Hug is a group of students working in cooperation with guidance counselors to help students with the problems that they may face. During the '87-'88 school year, students seeking advice wrote to the club members and found suggestions in the Rensselaerian.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a group made up of those students at RCHS taking part in sports and wanting to support those at our school and in our community. Led by Mr. Ryan with Lori Murphy, Heather Louck, Edwina Hughes and Ken Hickman as officers, the group planned to relax with a party later in the year. Interact, a new organization at RCHS during the '87-'88 school year, was involved in many activities including the Rotary foreign exchange program and providing community services. The students of this group had many plans for aiding others, such as finding toys to give to orphanages and working to wash cars. Members of HUG, from left to right, back row: Mr. Michael, Jeremy Korniak, Teresa Gehring, Dana Fletcher, Jodie Smith, and Tabby Malchow. Front row: Jamie Ahler, Kim Doolin, Pam Conley, Katrina Vaughn, Laura Moit, and Jeff Moit. Members of Interact, front row: Mr. Stefanich, Laura Stefanich, Dana Fletcher, Cara Craig, Maia Kingman. Center row: Mick McClanahan, Ken Michal, Rick Stefanich, Pete Hoover, Mark Heing, Mike Mikolajczak, A.J. Van Meter. Back row: Ailsa Rude, Julie Whaley, Kelly Hodnett, Sarah Steiner, Eva Kasky, Jonell Davis, Lacey Ford, and Julie Wright.

Students Pitch In

Student assistants are a very important part of R.C.H.S.. Their purpose is to help the faculty and student body. The office assistants aid the secretaries by doing tasks such as answering the telephone, picking up attendance slips, distributing absence

lists, and helping the public. The library assistants are very important to the librarians and are helpful to the student body. These students watch the front desk, check books in and out, and index students on the computer who have overdue books. The A.V.

assistants are a dedicated group who take their own time to video tape sporting events to keep coaches and players informed. These students take pride in the work that they do, and they should. Where would the faculty be without them?





Top picture left to right: Jeff Brandenburg, Dan Pullins, Mr. Callahan, Chris Kellner, Kirk Ziese, district soil judging winners. Bottom picture left to right first row: Shelly Ingram, Tammy Hicks, Angie Jordan, Missy McElfresh, Mr. Callahan; second row: Dan Pullins, Chris Kellner, Kevin Gastineau, Brian Murphy; and third row: Jeff Brandenburg, Kirk Ziese, Brian Moore, Eric Ritter, Charles Thomas, Chuck Williams.



FFA is an organization that deals with farming. These students that you see above are members of the soil judging team. They have to work very hard to make it to state contest each year. October 16, 1987, the soil judging team competed in district contest. The FFA team took a 1st and the 4-H team took a 2nd. On November 7, 1987, both competed in the state competition. The FFA team came in 3rd, the 4-H team came in 3rd, and in overall standings both teams tied for 3rd. On April 30, 1988, they left for the na-

tional contest in Oklahoma. The first time Mr. Callahan went to national contest he took two teams. This was his last year of being the soil judging coach and again he took two teams to nationals.

Several of the RCHS vocational agriculture students traveled to Winamac on April 21, 1988, to participate in the district livestock and dairy judging contest. The dairy team finished 4th overall in the contest and earned themselves a spot at the state contest. Team members included Jeff

Brandenburg, Chris Kellner, Harold Wright, and Russ Kozyra. Russ Kozyra was also 5th high individual at the contest.

The Livestock teams stunned the field of 25 teams by capturing 1st, 2nd and 15th overall and securing two spots at the state contest. There were 118 competitors in all and individual accomplishments included: top individual — Jeremy Korniak (with a total of 567 out of 600), 2nd high individual — Mark Jordan, 7th overall — Tim Steinke, and 10th Shawn Hensler.

FFA Successful in Competition

Fun in the



Top left: Jenny Arnett and mom in line at the Mothers' Tea. Top right: Faith Bilyeu and Melanie Richie set up for Sunshine Dance. Center Left: eager mothers and daughters line up for the feast. Immediate right: Heather Baker and Matt Anderson dance the night away. Far right: Julie Steele works miracles with crepe paper.



Sunshine



Top left: Mrs. Cappucilli and Mrs. Swartzell discuss Sunshine philosophies with Reverend Ruh. Jennifer Effinger and Ken Dunbar enjoy the Sunshine dance. Kelly Hodnett and mom look over the goodies at the dessert table.



Sunshine

Freshmen



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Seniors



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During the 1987-88 school year, the Sunshine Society participated in the following activities: Freshmen Initiation, Christmas Caroling, Faculty Breakfast, Mothers' Tea, Daddy Date Night, Ideal Lady Night, Sunshine Dance, Candy and Gift Item Sales, helped with kindergarten testing, donated to Riley Children's Hospital, and, of course, the Senior Party.

They had a very successful 1987-88 school year. The RCHS students would like to thank Mrs. Swartzell and Mrs. Cappuccilli for all of their hard work and support in the various activities.

Student Council . . . Represents RCHS

Student Council showed that they could both lead and represent the students at RCHS in 1987-88. Among their activities during the school year were: over-night lock-in, singing Valentines, dances (photos right), homecoming, and Fun Fest. Members of council include: (front row) Jana Carroll, Walter Stanley, Heather Louck (president), Jeff Webb, Karla Nesius, Julie Wright, Theresa Valade, Elaine Reyes, and Kris Nagel; and (back row) Maia Kingman, Jason Towler, Ted Abrams, Scott Barton, Jamie Ahler, Jeremy Korniak, Jason Arnold, and Mr. Zimmer. Senior members are pictured below.





NHS STRIVES

The National Honor Society is composed of those students at RCHS who excel academically and who are also involved in many activities. Sponsored by Mrs. Bauman, the group participated in an initiation of new members and in giving a food basket to the needy at Christmas. Members of the group, from left to right, first row: Genny Jones, Karla Nesius, Jody Lewis, Jeff Webb, Peggy Karns, Julie Bilyeu. Second row: Mrs. Bauman, Heather Mason, Roger Nagel, David Stowers, Rick Stefanich, Jamie Ahler, and Tracey Putt. The new inductees were Jenny Arnett, Angie Bilyeu, Shelia Broussard, Angie Hale, Karen Leichty, Lisa Lintner, Brad Rodeffer, Thonda Schulz, Angie Sigman, Shannon Stanley, Sarah Steiner, Jason Teeters and Tim Walker.



The Bomber Alert Corps is a service organization composed of students who act as hosts or hostesses at school programs. Members in the club are, first row left to right: Theresa Valade, Jody Lewis, Meridee Watt, Karla Nesius, Peggy Karns and Sarah Steiner. Back row: Angie Bilyeu, Stacie Lanoue, Angie Hale, Mr. Probst, Linda Fox, Jenny Arnett, Alisa Rude and Kris Nagel.

Bomber Alert Corps Leads the Way

OEA . . . Our Favorite "Types"

Office Education Association is open to any student who is enrolled in a business course at RCHS. OEA is a national organization with members in high schools, vocational schools, and various post-secondary institutions. The purposes of the OEA are symbolized by the emblem and its meaning: the four points of the shield stand for ambition, leadership, sociability, and poise. The stripes represent the essential characteristics of every successful worker — education, citizenship, loyalty, patriotism, dependability, and competency. The bar represents the service provided by those employed in office occupations.



OEA: (front row) Kelly Odom, Stacey Griffin, Noelle Overton, Susie Morris, Steffany Smith, Tammy Kellner, Sonya Zickmund, and Elaine Reyes; (second row) Michelle Northcutt, Cathy Prohosky, Angie Klingler, Kelly Hodnett, Theresa Valade, Alesia Risner, Christy Herre, Cathy Lane, and Sheila Allen; and (back row) Melanie Richie, Michelle Roberts, Rita Shuster, Lana Arnold, Tammy Hicks, and Susie Bilyeu. Officers (top right) Kelly Hodnett, Susie Morris, and Noelle Overton. Above left, Tammy Kellner surveys the keyboard. Right center, Mr. George practice interviews Susie Morris.





HOSA . . . The "Pulse" of RCHS

HOSA (Health Occupations) is an organization that is an extension of the nursing program at RCHS. Among the activities that HOSA conducts during the school year are: taking blood pressures at school (as seen in the candid

photos below), assist at the Care Center, work at Jasper County Hospital, and learn health related tasks such as CPR. Mrs. Nussbaum is in charge of these future health occupations students.



In the photo left, Pam Sutton is being examined, (front row) Heidi Nagel, Angie Sigman, Angie Bilyeu, Lisa Pratt, Faith Bilyeu, Susie Bilyeu, Mari anne Brandenburg, and Stacie Lanoue, (back row) Roxanne Bacevic, Shella McEwen, Sherry Wright, and Kelly Odum.

CHAOS Staff



To the right: Lisa Lintner studies and measures pictures for the Chaos.

Making the CHAOS

The RCHS Chaos staff worked steadily during the 1987-1988 school year, again using computers to produce a yearbook with a "professional" look.

Various jobs such as writing copy, taking pictures and meeting deadlines kept the staff busy. Many people donated their time for the Mass Communications class and some privately, helping to make the CHAOS the best it could be.

As deadlines grew near, the staff really worked together. They not only worked hard, though, but they also had fun as they learned more about high school journalism.

At right: Sam Sprouse carefully examines papers while in the Mass Communications room.



Working for the CHAOS



At left, Jenni Snyder chooses some of her favorite pictures. To the bottom, Mr. Oates and Tabby Malchow sell Chaos editions at the Little Cousin Jasper festival.



THE STAFF

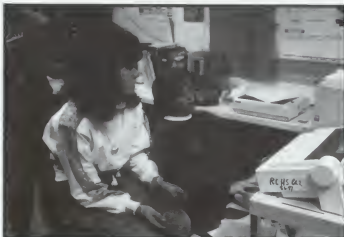
First row, left to right: Monica Eaton, Gretchen Schulenburg, Deanna Welch, Shaun Hensler. Second row: Chad Hickman, Scott Smith, Gina Leichy, Jennifer Putt, Melody Sizemore, Leann Spall, Matthew Louck. Third row: Crystal Hawkes, Brian Hale, Doug Mitchell, Maia Kingman, Valerie Erb, Kelly Miller, Stephanie Jennings, Angie Sigman. Fourth row: Pam Puitts, Kim Bridgeman, Bob Smith, Lori Dale, Daphne Smith, Lisa Lintner, Lisa Hammersley, Dana Webb, Cheryl Wright, Jonell Davis, Eva Kasky. Fifth row: Bill Maniscalco, Emmy Kreikamp, Steffany Smith, Jodie Smith and Jenni Snyder.

Rensselaerien

Rensselaerien Striving for Best

The staff of our school newspaper took their work seriously this past year. They worked hard to put out a newspaper every month and filled the *Rensselaerien* with interesting stories, while keeping up with the times at the school. To find out more about the complicated steps

of putting a newspaper together, several members of the staff spent a few hours at the office of the *Rensselaer Republican* to learn from the experience of professionals.



ABOVE: Sherrie Hall and Kelly Miller watch the work of an employee at the *Rensselaer Republican*. ABOVE RIGHT: Jennifer Nesius and Missy Prouty are busy at the computer.

Members of the staff are attentive as they read their favorite newspaper. The members are: Front row, Scott Smith, Kim Bridgeman, Jenni Snyder, Bill Maniscalco. Back row: editor Jennifer Nesius, Jody Lewis, Kelly Miller, Sherrie Hall and Dana Fletcher.





Sigma

Digamma:

NOT FOREIGN TO RCHS

Sigma Digamma, the RCHS foreign language club, took part in many activities this past year. The Mardi Gras, an activity which has been taking place for many years at RCHS names just one. This activity merges the cultures of different countries together for one night as it brings out new foods and customs. The club also brought in candies for the staff around Christmas and raised almost \$200 for the club through jewelry sales. To the left: Sarah Steiner and Angie Bilyeu extend greetings to Mardi Gras visitors. Below: Angie Bilyeu and Steffany Smith enjoy a taste of Germany.



The members of the club are, first row, left to right: Cara Craig, Dan Walker, Tracie Tucker, Laura Stefanich, Sarah Steiner, Roger Nagel, Tabby Malchow, Angie Hale, Gretchen Schulenburg, Susie Lintner, Julie Prather, Tracy DeWees. Second row, left to right: Genny Jones, Heather Mason, Shelly Ingram, Jodi Webb, Dana Fletcher, Jenni Snyder, Angie Gutwein, Bill Maniscalcow, Scott Smith, Karen Jung, Valerie Erb, Thonda Schultz. Third row:

Stacie Lanoue, Shannon Stanley, Kelly Hodnett, Carrie Chapman, Lacey Ford, Tracey Putt, Juli Wright, Beth Ockerman, Jonell Davis, Eva Kasky, Kelly Miller, Edwina Hughes, Kim Hartley. Fourth row: Kris Nagel, Angie Bilyeu, Donna Stevens, Julie Bilyeu, Cheri Lattimore, Karla Nesius, Faith Bilyeu, Debbie Bulington, Steffany Smith, Tara Ulm, Kathie Hodnett, Melissa Killmer, Terri Hicks, Alesia Killmer and Jana Carroll.

The Spirit of the Band

The members of the Bomber Brigade have once again shown the students of the Rensselaer High School and the people of the community their excellence. Led by Greg Michael and Marcy Robledo, The Brigade accomplished many outstanding things during the 1987-1988 school year. They attended the Chesterton Invitational where they received third place, and also attended the Lebanon Invitational where they earned second place and the award for the best auxiliary. First division ratings were awarded to The Brigade at district and regional marching band contests while the band moved up from last year's eighth to seventh place in the state

Marching band contest. The Brigade wished Marcy Robledo and Brad Rodeffer (lower right), the best as they departed for the Spirit of America band tour. After spending one week in Glassboro, N.J. to polish up skills and become acquainted with the other 108 members of the band, Marcy and

Brad began touring many different countries. Among these countries were: Holland, Luxemborg, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, and Belgium.



Appearances Are Important



Marching bands are a good portion of each parade we see. To the left, Mr. Earnest walks along with the Bomber Brigade as they provide entertainment for those enjoying the annual Little Cousin Jasper Parade. Appearances by the Brigade in the community are very important because the people of Rensselaer are responsible for the Brigade receiving a good portion of its funding. This money is acquired by an annual pizza sale that enabled the band to purchase a new trailer in 1987 to haul their equipment. On April 17, the Bomber band performed in a benefit concert for polio, along with the other bands and choirs of the community.

Bomber Brigade Does Well in 1987

Marching band is a good experience for all involved. It teaches the members many things: among these are coordination, team work, and the ability to perform while under tremendous pressure.

Below is the Bomber Brigade after their performance at the annual Chesterton Tournament of Bands. The Brigade accomplished many things during the 1987-1988 school year. By receiving first division ratings at both district and

regional marching band contests, they were able to advance to state and receive 7th place in Class C for the 2nd consecutive year.



The Bomber Beat



Directly above, Marci Robledo and Greg Michael conducting pep band. Far right, the Bomberettes learning a routine. Near right, Marci and Greg. Top left Edwin Hughes saluting after a solo. Above right center, the jazz band practices. Top right, Rita Shuster and Mark Heinig perform at BAE awards.





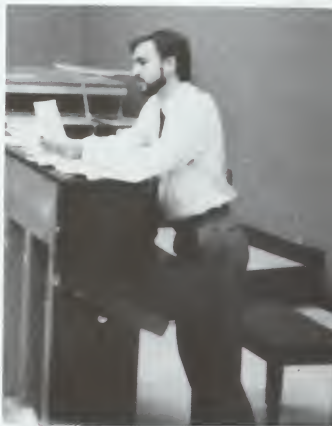
Top, Mr. Earnest directs a concert number. Pictured directly above is the Elite Command. Top row, pictured left to right: Wendy Schrum, Donya Boring, Daphne Smith, Pam Conley, Angie Lashbrook, Christine Gambala. Middle row: Kim Doolin, Jenny Arnett, Kim Kosta, Lisa Brunton, Sharon Keny. Bottom row: Jonell Davis, Carrie Chapman, Cheri Lattimore, Kelly Miller. Pictured left, Carrie Chapman performs for the Elite Command. Pictured far left, Jonell Davis teaches the Bomberettes a new dance.

RGHS CHOIR . . .

The 1987-1988 year was very productive for the RGHS Choir students. Under the new direction of Mr. Kennedy, the students were exposed to new techniques in making the voice more effective. Sulfegio was an important technique taught by Mr. Kennedy when he first began teaching last year. This technique allows the singer to sight read with ease, thus making the preparation time of a piece of music shortened tremendously.

The Christmas Concert was a highlight of the 1987 year. The RGHS Choir began with the touching piece "Carol of the Bells." Throughout the remainder of the concert, many more carols and pieces were performed. In February, many singers participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Contest. The results of the contest were so outstanding that many students advanced to the state competition. Those students receiving 1st's and a 2nd on their solo at the contest were: Lisa Lintner, Susie Lintner, Sharon Kenny, Edwina Hughes and Karen Leichy. Those students to receive 1st ratings on their ensemble were: Shauna Schaltenbrand, Ryan Wood, Scott Lashbrook, Heidi Nagel, Jeff Webb, Karen Leichy, Laura Stefanich, Heather Louck, Laura Moit.

To the immediate right is Mr. Kennedy, the hard-working choral instructor. Pictured below is the RGHS Choir singing at their annual Christmas Concert. Mr. Kennedy and the choir students are eager to work together again in the future.



A NEW BEGINNING



Celebrate (left) is:
Shauna Schaltenbrand,
Jeff Webb, Karen
Leichty, Laura Moit,
Peggy Karns, Ryan
Wood, Heather Louck,
Heidi Nagel, Scott
Lashbrook, Laura
Stefanich



Pictured at the above left are: (from left) Sharon Kenny, Susie Lintner, Lisa Lintner, and Edwina Hughes. These choir students received the highest award given at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. These four girls received superior ratings on their solo at state competition. Pictured directly above are some of the choir students practicing for the Christmas Concert.

Building Trades an Experience For the Future

This year's building trades class has worked hard all year around. They have worked on the designing of their project which is the building of a house entirely by the hands of the class participants. The class is designed to help give the students experience in the process of home construction. This year's project is located in the same vicinity as the last year's project on Logan Drive. There are two different classes during the school day, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Each class is three hours long. The students learn how to build a home, utilize all equipment needed, and manage both time and labor. The project is finished in the spring when there will be an open house where prospective buyers can make offers on the house.





MORNING CLASS

Kevin Gastineau, Delmar Jordon,
Marvin Manns, Kevin Miller, Mark
Fleming, Jeff Dunlap, Tim Florence,
David Kozyra, Chuck Stone, Steve
Clapp

AFTERNOON CLASS Matt
Kuyrkendall, Marty Lintner, Joe
Moore, Dan Sargent, Heather
Prouty, Kelly Odom, Rod Barkley,
Mike Hitchings, Carl Minter, Angie
Todd, Ken Junk



Directly above: building trades yearly project in the middle stages; it is not finished, but off to a great start. To the left: Kelly Odom and Marty Lintner are busy at work.

..... finishing touches



Top left: Joe Moore is adding his own finishing touches by using his masonry skills and laying brick around the Building Trades' home. Top right: a group of morning Trades students are learning the correct steps for laying brick from Mr. Mingear. Directly above: Rod Barkley and Heather Prouty are mixing mud. Immediately right: Angie Todd shows that the hard work done in Building Trades can be fun and worthwhile.



To the left: Marty Lintner and Kelly Odom line up a new wall of bricks. Below: Chuck Stone delivers mud so Dave Kozyra can lay the brick that justifies the upcoming break.



To the left: Mike Hitchings carefully lines up brick which is both decorative and functional on the new house on Logan Drive. Directly above: Mark Fleming and Chuck Stone mix more mud in the morning.



First R.C.H.S. Regional Win

Rensselaer athletes gave the student body, parents, and fans many reasons to be proud during the 1987-1988 sports seasons.

The efforts of the girls golf team was a nice surprise. For the first time in the history of the team, which dates back to 1983, the girls captured their sectional at Forest Park Municipal Golf Course in Valparaiso. And, for the first time in the history of R.C.H.S., a regional contest

was won. "By whom?" you ask. Well, it was none other than the girls golf team. For a team that wasn't expected to get past the sectionals that was quite an accomplishment.

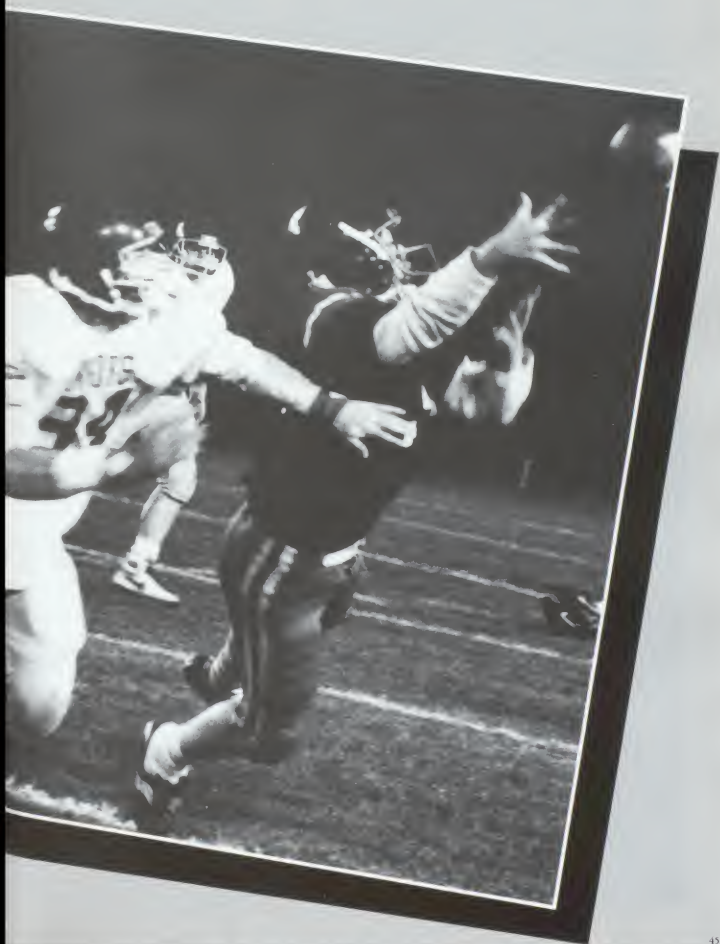
The varsity wrestling team captured their sectional and took many of its members to the regionals, but only Jeff Campbell was able to advance to semi-state.

Congratulations to Sam Odle on scoring her 1000th

career point in the game against River Forest on January 25. Sam also led the girls basketball team to their 2nd sectional win since Mr. Butler began coaching in 1984.

If Rensselaer is guilty of anything, it would be getting down to the basic fundamentals that it takes to win: dedication, ability, and the will to accomplish something great.





CC RUNS TO REGIONAL

Cross Country at RCHS in 1987 ended with a 5-5 season record. Mr. Zimmer in his first year as head coach felt that both he and his runners had a unique experience distancing over hill and dale for 3.1 miles. The team placed well in invitational conferences. They placed third in the 1987 NWHC meet. Regional competition is a reward for extra hard working teams and Rensselaer Central was proud of the way its harriers participated in it.

The team placed third in the Sectional and eighth in the Regional. Jim Collard received the Most Valuable Award because of his consistent strong finishes. The Most Improved Award went to Dan Ringen since he brought his running time down. Kevin Cochran received the Mental Attitude Award while Jeff Webb led the team as captain. We wish the team luck next year.



SCORES

RCHS	27	West Central	49	Pioneer	38
29	Lowell	56	Benton Central	49	58
North Newton	44	Twin Lakes	24	51	
South Newton	31	Tri-County	40	48	Kan-
kakee Valley	15	19	Winamac	41	New Prai-
rie Inv.	7th North Newton Inv.	7th Lafayette Jeff Inv.			
12th Twin Lakes Inv.	5th Delphi Inv.	7th NWHC			
3rd Sectional	3rd Regional	8th			



At the top right is Tom Fleming being a basic bomber harrier. Above is Senior Jeff Webb competing in the 1987 Sectional Race. Above left are George Bailey and Israel Whited.



Top left is Dan Ringen beating a Tri-County man. Above right is the 1987 Cross Country Team. The members are: Row 1 (l to r) Kevin Cochran, Dan Ringen, Matt Koehler, John Platt, Row 2 (l to r) Jeff Webb, A.J. Van Meter, Kent Potts, Jim Collard, and Craig Putt. Directly above is Jim Collard running for a victory. To the right is John Platt trying to pass an opponent.

FROSH AND JV SPRINT TO AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON



Pictured at top is the freshman football team. Top row: Head Coach Milt Cooper, Dan Brandenburg, Brian Wood, Jim Miller, Steve Gehring, Brian Arnold, Gary Clapp, Scott Sayers, Matt Anderson, Jason Lintner, and Assistant Coach Chris Meeks. Center Row: Gabe Edwards, Kevin Kellner, Chaz Robinson, Cory Watt, Brian Wicks, Ab Edmonds, Don Jordan, Jamie Wicker. Bottom row: Robbie Smith, Cary Claussen, Damon Daniels, Jamie Garcia, Mark Meyer, Rod Hughes, and Greg Murphy.

Pictured center left is Cory Watt making a fast break for a touchdown.

Pictured center right is Dan Gehring basking in the glory of another touchdown for the Bombers.

Bottom right are the rowdy freshmen football players and cheerleaders in the homecoming parade.



The freshmen and JV boys came out with an impressive season this year. The freshmen record ended 5-2 while the JV came out 5-3. Said Coach McKim about this year's team effort, "While our numbers

were down, the athletes worked very hard. I feel many of the athletes will contribute in a large way to next year's varsity."

We would like to wish the freshmen and sophomore athletes the best of

luck in the future as members of the Bomber Varsity Football Squad!! Make the best of the rest of your high school sports careers.



SCORES

RCHS	20	North Newton	0
RCHS	26	Kankakee Valley	6
RCHS	28	Winamac	8
RCHS	0	North Judson	14
RCHS	48	North Newton	6
RCHS	26	Carroll	20
RCHS	0	Twin Lakes	46
RCHS	6	Delphi	22



Top: the JV football players during the chilly but exciting homecoming parade. Center right are freshmen Jamie Wicker (46), and Steve Gehring (86), anxiously awaiting the kick off. Center left: Coach McKim, Pat Geleott (23), Carl Minter (1), Sean Kingman (9), and assistant manager Mike Sayers. Bottom left: Chris Bufkin (83) racing to assist a teammate.

Varsity Ends Season

The varsity football team had its share of disappointments in the last season, but the good things outweighed the bad.

An attitude about winning seemed to develop. When the team won, they won big. It's obvious just looking at

their statistics.

The Bombers had their share of ups and downs this past season, but the memories they have, good and bad, will last beyond the season. Among the outstanding seniors were: Craig Davisson (rushed for 516 yards), Chad

Maxwell (.61 passes for 904 yards), Joe Burvan, Jamie Ahler and Bill Bell.

Outstanding prospects for future Bomber games: Ken Michal, Ted Oliver, Anthony Manns, and Pat Geleott.



1987 SCORES

RCHS	Opponents	
29	Lowell	14
7	N. Newton	19
7	N. Judson	0
7	K. Valley	14
22	Lake Station	0
32	River Forest	18
7	Harrison	28
27	Twin Lakes	6
	Tourney	
17	Knox	12
0	N. Judson	6



With a 6-4 Record



J.V. VOLLEYBALL-IT TAKES TEAMWORK

The 1987 Junior Varsity volleyball team found that to be successful it takes hard work and determination. The girls had an excellent season winning the Tri-County and North White tournaments and ending up the season with a 15-5 match record. Coach

Brandenburg felt that "the girls had a tremendous season, not only in the fact that it was a winning one, but that each girl learned the game and contributed something unique." She also said that "this team had a lot of natural talent that is not usually

found." The members of the 1987 J.V. volleyball team were: (beginning at lower left) Julie Koebecke, Tracie Tucker, Shawna Mathew, Cindy Pack, Stacie Beaver, Marie Barton, Paige Arihood, Andrea Anderson, (front), Carrina Westfall, and Kim Haun.



L	RCHS	vs	McCutcheon
L		vs	Twin Lakes
L		vs	Lowell
W		vs	River Forest
W		vs	Lake Station
W		vs	Frontier
W		vs	Tri-County
W		vs	North White
W		vs	North Newton
W		vs	North Judson
W		vs	Tri-County
W		vs	Benton Central
W		vs	Winamac
W		vs	North White
W		vs	West Central
L		vs	West Central
L		vs	Kankakee Valley
W		vs	South Newton
W		vs	Hebron

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL . . . 1987 SEASON

The varsity volleyball team ended the season with the final record of 6-11. The 1987 team captain for the varsity volleyball team this year was Jodi Lewis, who also shared All Conference with Stacey Primeau. Stacey won the serving award, while Julie Whaley walked away with the spiking award and

Jodi Elijah won the mental attitude award. The varsity team members are (from top, left to right): Lori Murphy, Heather Louck, Julie Whaley and Stephanie Primeau, (middle) Jodi Elijah, Debbie Lashbrook, Stacey Primeau, Julie Elijah and (bottom) Jody Lewis and Beth Ockermann.



Julie Whaley, Jody Lewis and Beth Ockermann are poised for the next volley in the picture above.

RCHS

L McCutcheon
L Twin Lakes
L Lowell
W Lake Station
W Frontier
L North Newton
W North Judson
W Tri-County
W Benton Central
L Winamac
L North White
L North White Tourney
L West Central
L Kankakee Valley
L South Newton
L Hebron

Sectional Games

L North Newton
W River Forest

RCHS

Swimmin' Women End With 7-7

This year's girls' swim team had a good season. This is how Coach Brannock described the Swimmin' Women, "We had an up and down season this year. Sometimes things went well and then sometimes, things weren't taken seriously. A good moment was placing

second in the La Porte Relay Invitational. Some bad moments were losing to Twin Lakes by two and Lowell by three. This team is pretty young so things look good for us next year. We finished 7-7 this season with a shot to finish 3rd in a fourteen team section.

al." Awards given to: Edwina Hughes (Jr.)-Most Valuable Swimmer, Christine Gembala (Sph.)-Coach's Award, and Shannon Barton (Fr.)-Most Improved.



TEAM SCORES

OPPONENT

RCHS		
84	Lowell	87
118	Kankakee Valley	50
60	West Lafayette	112
58	Lafayette Jeff. S	114
93	Pioneer	76
104	Benton Central	67
98	McCutcheon	126
	Harrison	58
113	Twin Lakes	115
	West Central	54
121	North Newton	35
59	South Newton	24
78	Portage	94
74	Valparaiso	95

Top Five Swimmin' Women '88: Heidi Eldridge, Edwina Hughes, Eva Kasky, Tracey Putt, and Julie Steele. Team members (top row L-R): Colleen Bell, Shannon Barton, Karen Jung, Gigi Challis, Tara Lewis, and Cara Craig. Bottom row: Julie Steele, Lisa Brunton, Jody Moore, Edwina Hughes, Sarah Steiner, Juli Wright, Stephanie Jennings, and Tracey Putt. Jana Carroll is in the above center photo and Eva Kasky is in the picture directly above.

SWIMMERS HAVE RECORD SMASHING '88

The Rennselaer Boys Swim Team had a record-smashing season, finishing 4th in the Lake Central Sectional. They had 3 pool and school records broken by Bob Kenny in the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay by Bob Kenny, Greg Michael, Scott Jennings, and Steve Wilson. The members are from left to right, row 1: Nick Carlson, Cary Claussen, Rod Hughes, Jeff Rayburn, Mark Bilyeu,

Jeff Moit and Jamie Garcia. Row 2: David Odle, Matt Crouch, John Groppe, Tony Knouff, Jason Hamer, Matthew Louck, Chris Claussen and Jeremy Carroll. Row 3: Coach Brannock, Herrick Chua, Greg Michael, Scott Jennings, Steve Downard, Mark Heinig, Bob Kenny, Steve Wilson and Scott Smith.



RCHS

OPPONENTS

L	Crown Point
W	Twin Lakes
W	North Judson
W	Benton Central
W	KV, So. Newton
L	Lafayette Jeff
L	Portage
L	W. Lafayette
W	McCutcheon
W	Lowell
L	Harrison
L	Merrillville



Girls golf at RCHS in 1987 surprised quite a few skeptics and captured the attention of many by winning first a sectional, then the regional titles and later advancing to the state finals. When senior Shauna Schaltenbrand was asked about the team's efforts she had this to say: "It was such a neat experience and we all had so much fun. I can't believe this happened for my and Missy's senior year. I think the greatest part of the season was winning both the sectional and regional championships." The girl's regional victory was not only the first for the girls golf team, it was the first regional victory for RCHS in any sport. Way to go girls!! Maybe the efforts of the 1987 team will encourage more girls to get involved in the golf program. For special awards, Laura Stefanich received Most Valuable, Missy Prouty received Most Improved, and Erin Beaver received the Best Mental Attitude award.

RCHS	205	Twin Lakes	222
	193	Lafayette Jeff	173
	176	South Newton	227
	185	Benton Central	206
	186	McCutcheon	187
	182	Lowell	244
		Harrison	210
	177	Andean	223
RCHS Inv.	2nd	14 teams	
McCutcheon Inv.	1st	11 teams	
Lafayette Jeff Inv.	4th	7 teams	
Culver Inv.	1st	11 teams	
Sectional	1st	12 teams	
Regional	1st	9 teams	
State	12th	15 teams	





Laura Stefanich, above, received the Most Valuable award.





NWHC Champs

The 1988 guys golf team had an outstanding season with 11 wins and 2 losses for a match record, winning the Northwest Hoosier Conference for the second consecutive year. Mike Putman, a junior, said, "The season was a great success, and I'm glad the seniors were able to have a good year. I hope we place well in the sectional so that we can move on to the regionals and hopefully state." The outstanding seniors of the 1988 season were: Rick Stefanich, Gary Sheffer, Craig Davisson, Steve Downard, and Soren Simonsen. They were happy to end their last season so well. The 1988 J.V. team consists of: Pat Geleott, Matt Crouch, Mark Donnelly, and Damon Daniels. We would like to extend congratulations to all of the varsity team and let them know how proud RCHS is of them. The photos are as follows (from opposite page left to right): Gary Sheffer, Soren Simonsen, Mike Putman, and Gary Sheffer; team members (far left center): (back row) Sheffer, Stefanich, Davisson, Simonson, Downard, and Putman; (kneeling) Pat Geleott, Matt Crouch, Mark Donnelly and Damon Daniels; (center), Craig Davisson; and (bottom pictures): Steve Downard, Rick Stefanich, Gary Sheffer and group.

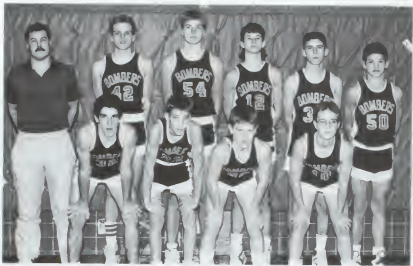


FRESHMEN BOYS SUCCEED!

This year's freshman team came out on the floor looking fired up and ready to go. The season ended with the Bomber guys taking eight victories, two of which were Kankakee Valley and a sound victory over North Judson. "Most members of this team did an excellent job of reaching their potential. They worked very hard to achieve our eight wins this season," commented Coach Cooper.

Receiving some awards for their efforts this season were: Don Jordan on the defense, Steve Gehring offense, and Mark Meyer with the hustle award. The future looks bright for the Bombers with the freshmen talent shown during the 1987-1988 season.

Top left: Steve Gehring goes for a quick shot at the freethrow line. Top right: back row Coach Cooper, Todd Overton, Steve Gehring, Jason Lintner, Chris Waling, Don Jordan; front row Cory Watt, Chris Phegley, Mark Meyer, and Troy Rule.



Bottom left: Chris Phegley goes for the outside shot. Bottom right: Coach Cooper gives the team a quick pep talk.

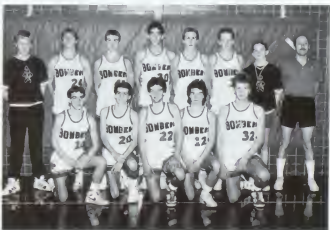
J.V. WINS S. NEWTON TOURNEY

The J.V. basketball team had a good season finishing with a 10-10 record. Saturday, February sixth, the Bombers won the South Newton Tourney, which included four teams: South

Newton, West Central, North Newton and Rensselaer.

Trent Judy led the Bombers this year with an eleven point scoring average. The guys all worked hard to give the Bombers their ten victories. They hung tough and and made us all proud.

Top left: Dan Brandenburg leaps for a two pointer over Tri County. Top right: Trent Judy searches for an open man. Bottom left: Phil McIntyre goes for a flashy jumpshot over Tri County. Bottom right: Dan Brandenburg takes a shot at the freethrow line. Team picture: back row, Manager Soren Simonson, Harold Wright, Dan Brandenburg, Kent Potts, Brian Channess, Craig Hooker, John Wright, Coach McKim, front row: Phil McIntyre, Trent Judy, Jason Nesius, Jason Towler, Mark Blake.



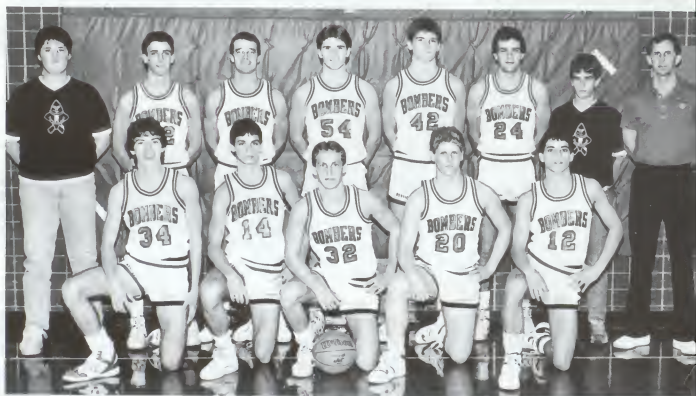
1987 Conference Champs

The RCHS boys varsity basketball team had an impressive season ending with a 14-7 record. The season began slowly with the team losing their first three games, but their determination came through and allowed them to lay the groundwork for an excellent season. The players and coaches set goals at the beginning of this season. Some examples of these goals they hoped to accomplish were captur-

ing the Turkey Tourney and having a winning season. Each of these things went well for the Bomber varsity basketball team, and probably their biggest accomplishment was winning the Northwest Hoosier Conference Championship. Overall, the guys had a very exciting season, and next year, Coach Probst has high hopes for the team. The boys next year won't be as experienced or as quick, but

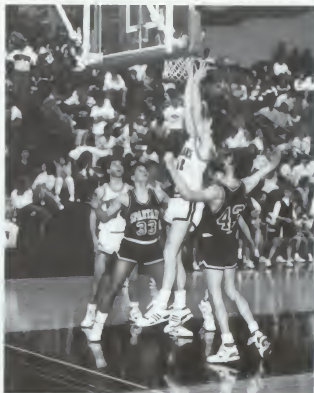
there will be much more talent to develop.

Through time and practice, the young athletes will learn those special skills that will lead their team to many victories. Good luck to Mr. Probst and his future hoopsters! We, as fans, will be eagerly awaiting the 1988-1989 Bomber Basketball Season and all of the excitement that comes with it.



The members of the 1987 boys varsity basketball team are as follows: row 1: (l to r) Matt Brown, Mike Crowley, Tim Walker, Kenny Hickman, John Lewis, row 2: (l to r) manager Sam Hughes, Jeremy Korniak, Jason Arnold, Craig Davission, Mark Davission, Chad Maxwell, manager Jeff Webb, and Coach Probst.





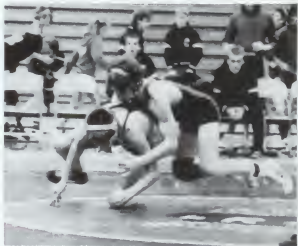
Above is senior Jeremy Korniak putting up an important shot.

Wrestlers Prove Only Strong Survive

RCHS	45	West Central	25
	52	Twin Lakes	14
	59	North Judson	6
	56	North White	18
	48	North Newton	18
	56	K.V.	17
	67	South Newton	2
	75	C.C.	0
	48	Delphi	28
	48	B.C.	25
	60	Pioneer	14
	66	North White	6
	32	McCutcheon	35

Most Pins — Jeff Campbell-19
 Most Reversals and Escapes-Tom Fleming
 Most Match Points-Ken Michal
 Fastest Pin-Shane Conley
 Baguba of the Year-Joe Burvan
 Most Improved-Dan Pullins
 Rookie of the Year-Scott Lashbrook
 Morning Run-Perfect Attendance-Isreal Whited
 Captain-Joe Burvan

Wrestlers end a great season with the record of 12-1. They also won sectional with the help from Jeff Campbell, Tom Fleming, Joe Burvan, Ken Michal, and Scott Lashbrook. They finished 12th at Regional; Jeff Campbell was the only wrestler to advance to semi-state.



Bottom row: Tony Lloyd, Jason Makone, Shane Conley, Jeff Campbell, Walter Stanley, Tom Fleming, Jeff Biggs
 Row #2: Chaz Robinson, Dan Pullins, Carl Mester, Matt Anderson, Dan Sargent, Russ Kosyra, Robbie Smith
 #3: Manager: Darren Daniels, A.J. VanMeter, Jimmy Miller, Joe Burvan, Jamie Nelson, Carl Kendall, Manager
 Danny Scripser Row #4: Coach Chris Bell, Jimmy Schwelle, Ted Olver, Israel Whited, Anthony Mann, Mike
 Langley, Manager Buddy Wicker, Coach Burvan Top row: Jamie Ahler, Ernie Mann, Scott Lashbrook, Joey Keith,
 Ken Michal, George Bailey Right center: Ken Michal takes down an opponent. To the right: Tom Fleming one down
 on his way to a 21-4 record Above: Dan Sargent and Joe Burvan show how its done

Freshmen Girls Had Slow Season

The freshmen girls had an up and down season, with a record of 2-5. The girls team had trouble keeping a team together, but at the end the ladies got organized. The leading scorer

for the team was Shannon Barton, who also got Best Offensive Player of the Year. Another person who received some recognition is Kori Pflederer who came in, in the middle of

the season, and was the Most Improved Player of the Year. All in all, the girls team worked hard and the R.C.H.S. students are very proud of their playing.



Pictured top left, back row, left to right: Julie Lakin, Catrina Westfall, Shawn Hensler, Connie Harroll, Julie Koebeke, Shannon Barton, Coach Judy Bennett. Front row: Missi Messman, Andrea Anderson, Heather Groom, and Janet Shuster. Top right: Tonya Lane and Andrea Anderson (15) looks for a lost ball. Bottom left: Kori Pflederer surrounded by the Hobart team at the K.V. tourney. Bottom right: Julie Lakin passing the ball to a teammate.

J.V. Shoots to 15-2 Record

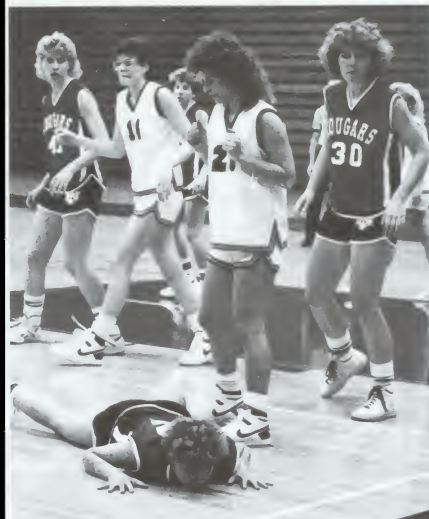


Pictured top left: Laura Stefanich passes the ball around a K.V. player. Top right: Cindy Pack (12) dribbles the ball and Marie Barton (4) motions for the pass. Directly above: the J.V. girls in a huddle, making plans for their next play. To the right is Cindy Pack trying to throw the ball through the K.V. girls, with Laura Stefanich (20) in the background.

Varsity Girls Take Sectional



The girls basketball season was extremely successful in 1988 with the junior varsity team's final record of 15-2 and the varsity team's sectional winning record of 14-7. Sam Odle was the leading scorer this year, achieving the 1000 point plus career plateau, placing her as the first female to accomplish this in RCHS sports history. Jody Lewis was the Most Improved player and with juniors such as those lead by Stacey Primeau, the future looks bright for the Lady Bombers. Pictured top left, back row left to right: Manager Angie Klingler, Stephanie Primeau, Debbie Lashbrook, Stacy Primeau, Samantha Odle, Julie Murphy, Julie Elijah, and Coach Terry Butler. Bottom Row: Jodi Elijah, Jody Lewis, Julie Murphy, and Beth Staddon. Pictured to the left is Stacy Primeau (20) and Julie Murphy (14). Pictured center right is Samantha Odle (22) shooting over a South Newton player. Pictured bottom right is Samantha Odle (22), Stacy Primeau (20) and Jodi Elijah (10).



Bombers on the Run

The girls track team had an impressive record in 1988 season at 9-2. The top team members from each class were senior Marianne Brandenburg, junior Julie Elijah, sophomore Tracey Tucker, and freshman Julie Koebecke. The team won the conference championship, sectional, and were RMD champions. The members of the 1988 girls track team were: (front row, left to right) April Harrington, Jodi Elijah, Julie Whaley, Julie Elijah, Marianne Brandenburg, Beth Staddon, Debbie Lashbrook, Angie Klingler, Edwina Hughes, and Elaine Reyes; (second row) Johanna White, Andrea Anderson, Julie Koebecke, Heather Groom,

Sarah Hansen, Christy Mathews, Missy Messman, and Jana Carroll; and (third row) Mrs. Messman, Melissa Killmer, Lana Williams, Kim Steinke, Kori Pflederer, Alesia Killmer, Linda

Fox, Shannon Barton, and Stephanie Kronen.



Ladies in Motion



Far left Marie Barton running a relay. Julie Koebecke throws the disc left center. Top left Beth Staddon warms up. Johanna White leaves the block for a relay upper right center. Above right Julie Whaley makes the turn. Directly right Edwina Hughes clears the bar. Above Alesia Killmer runs the 3200.

Boys Track Excelled in '88

In order to succeed in track, you must have ability and be willing to work to put in the practice time. The 1988 boys track team showed how skill and dedication really do work. They began the season strongly and continually made the school proud. In the middle of May, Mr. Edmonds said that he felt the season was going extremely well. At that time, the team had lost only one meet, won the Rensselaer relays and conference, and came in second at the Delphi relays. Coach Edmonds also stated that his goal for the team was to win fourth place in the sectional. Seniors returning to the team during the '88 season were Jamie Ahler in the pole vault and hurdles, Jeremy Korniak in the high jump and hurdles, and Chris Williams in the discus. Mr. Edmonds said that juniors like Matt Koehler in the 400 and long jump, sophomores like

Ken and John Dunbar, John Flatt in the 1600 and 800 as well as Scott Lashbrook in the shot and discus helped to fill out the team. Freshmen Dan Brandenburg in the high jump and sprint and Jim Miller, also in sprint, were also important in filling out the roster. Members of the track team are, first row, left to right: Herrick Chua, David Odle, Adam Bilyeu, Roderick Hughes, Matt Koehler, Steve Wilson, John Flatt, A. J. Wortley, Corey Watt, Cary Clausen, Robbie Smith. In the second row: Dan Phippen, Mr. Brannock, Dan Brandenburg, Ken Dunbar, Sean Kingman, Scott Lashbrook, Kyle Pflederer, Russ Kozyra, Jim Miller, Jamie Nelson, Matt Anderson, and Gary Clapp. Third row: John Dunbar, Charles Thomas, Dan Gehring, and Mr. Edmonds.



To the upper right, Jamie Ahler races on the track for RCHS.

Directly right, Jeremy Korniak completes another successful jump for the team.





Though plagued with injuries, the '88 track team enjoyed an excellent season.

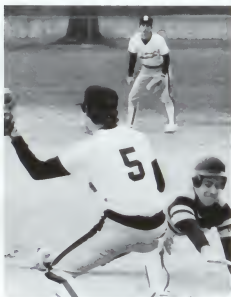
Scores			
RCHS	90	KV	37
RCHS	83	Watseka	44
RCHS	85	Twin Lakes	91
South	31	North White	22
Newton			
RCHS	73	Tri County	
South	19		
Newton			
RCHS	86	North Newton	41
RCHS	80	North Judson	38
RCHS	105	Winamac	22
RCHS	32	Harrison	61
West	66		
Lafayette			
RCHS	107	Lowell	22
RCHS	98	Boone Grove	29
RCHS	100	Twin Lakes	55
Delphi	4		
RCHS	Delphi Relay — second		
RCHS	Rensselaer Relay — first		
RCHS	Conference — first		



At the top of the page, John Dunbar tries another pole vault. Far left: Matt Koehler flies through the long jump. To the left: Scott Lashbrook enjoys the meet.

Varsity Gets Off to a Slow Start

The varsity baseball team got off to a slow start but made some good comebacks. The varsity team tried to end their season with a good record, so they could send their seniors off with a lot of fine memories. In the picture to the right the first two rows is the J.V. team. In the third row (left to right): Ernie Manns, Carl Kendall, Jason Teeeters, Jason Arnold, Tim Walker, Randy Lane, Anthony Manns, Matt Brown. Top row: Coach Tait, Kenny Hickman, Joe Burvan, Chad Maxwell, Joe Moore, Scott Barton, and assistant Coach Butler.



J.V. Preps for the Future



The J.V. baseball team: (front row, left to right) Kevin Kellner, Tom Lloyd, Troy Rule, Mark Bilyeu, Chris Hodnett, Jeff Rayburn, Mark Meyer, Jason Lintner; (back row) Travis Davis, Dan Scriptor, Kevin Cochran, Phil McIntyre, Jason Nesius, Troy Paluchniak, Mike Langley, Coach Butler. The J.V. baseball team was off to a good start in middle May; they were 5 and 5. Troy Paluchniak and Jason Nesius did a good job pitching, while Mike Langley did an excellent job behind the plate for the J.V. Bombers.



Cheerleaders at RCHS were once again responsible for inspiring the Bomber fans to YELL the teams on to victory. Headed by Sheila Broussard and Jodi Webb, the senior-less crew came into the 1987-88 school year from successes at the DePauw University summer camp. Among the successes at competition was the varsity, who received top honors by finishing in the final five. The entire squad brought home one of the ten spirit "megs". The varsity was awarded all first place ribbons, the junior varsity received all firsts and one red ribbon, while the freshmen came home with all firsts and two reds. All squads were awarded a blue ribbon in jumps competition. Julie Whaley said, "During football, cheerleading was a lot of fun; the crowd got into the games . . . The teams are always so much better when the teams are winning. During the basketball season, the

spirit was a little bit different . . . Towards the end of the season, we gained a lot of spirit."

"Cheerleading is hard work," Julie added, "A lot of people think we are out there just to look good. We are

there because we enjoy cheering, and we like to get the crowd to back teams with us." Reflecting their job, Julie said that if the crowd doesn't feel like cheering, it is a difficult thing to get them fired up.



Cheerleaders Fuel Bombers



Directly above, Jenni Snyder, Julie Prather, and Jodi Webb do their best to spark enthusiasm at a J.V. football game and above that they listen to Coach Hainje. In the upper right photo, Angie

Bilyeu. On the opposite page, the entire cheerleading squad poses for the formal portrait: front center Julie Whaley; second row Jodi Webb, Christy Matthew, Joanna White, and Sarah Han-

son; third row Jenni Snyder, Julie Prather, Angie Bilyeu, Stacie Lanoue; fourth row Paige Arihood, Kelly Mitchell, Sheila Broussard; and on top Stephanie Kronen and Kris Nagel.



Faculty

The Heartbeat of R.C.H.S.

The heartbeat of R.C.H.S. is represented by the faculty and staff, who dedicate themselves in the education of R.C.H.S. students. It is the faculty and staff that are the walls of the school.

It is the faculty and staff that give students direction and guidance. They spend their days with us, preparing us for that day when we exercise commencement. Teachers devote themselves

in order to allow students to utilize education to the best of their abilities.

But teachers do not make up the entire staff. We often forget those people who consecrate and dedicate their lives to make the lives of the student body more comfortable. For our safety, custodians are constantly repairing broken chairs, cleaning floors, and keeping the

washrooms smelling fresh and clean. And we musn't forget the school board and administration. Mrs. Roberta Dinsmore, our superintendent, and Mr. Heinig, our principal, have both survived their second year at R.C.H.S. They both seem to enjoy their positions and we hope that they will remain at R.C.H.S. for many years to come.

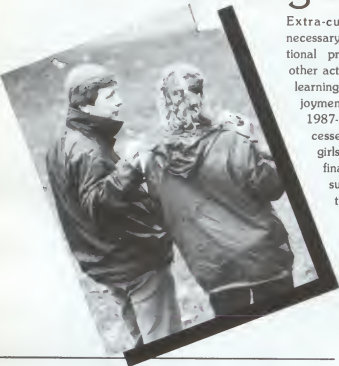


Teaching the Basics before . . .

Extra-curricular activities are necessary to the basics in the educational process. Sports, clubs, and other activities both contribute to the learning process and add to the enjoyment of attending RCHS. The 1987-88 school year saw successes in sports, most notably the girls' golf team visit to the state finals, academic organizations, such as the spelling team, and the on-going activities like those done annually by Sunshine. Time, effort, and coordination are part of the considerations that the faculty sponsor must

evaluate before an activity, game, or outing can become a reality. The basics of learning run more smoothly when extra-curriculars are added at RCHS.

Pictured to the left is Mr. Stefanich, the girls golf coach. Through his fine effort and persistence, sometimes in rain storms (regional and state tourneys), this team became the first at Rensselaer to win a regional and advance to the state finals in Indianapolis. Missy Messman is to her coach's right, enjoying a soggy sand-wich in the La Porte rain.



faculty

Mr. Bauman
Mrs. Bauman
Mrs. Beehler
Mr. Beehler
Mr. Brandenburg
Mr. Brannock



Mrs. Briggs
Mrs. Brown
Mr. Burvan
Mr. Butler
Mr. Callahan
Mrs. Cappuccilli



Mr. Day
Mr. Earnest
Mrs. Eckholm
Mr. Hainje
Mr. Heinig
Mrs. Jungblut



Mrs. Kingman
Mrs. Messman
Mr. Michael
Mr. Mc Kim
Mr. Mingear
Mrs. Nesbitt





Mrs. Nussbaum
Mrs. Norman
Mr. Oates
Mr. Peters



Mrs. Price
Mr. Probst
Mr. Ryan
Ms. Smith

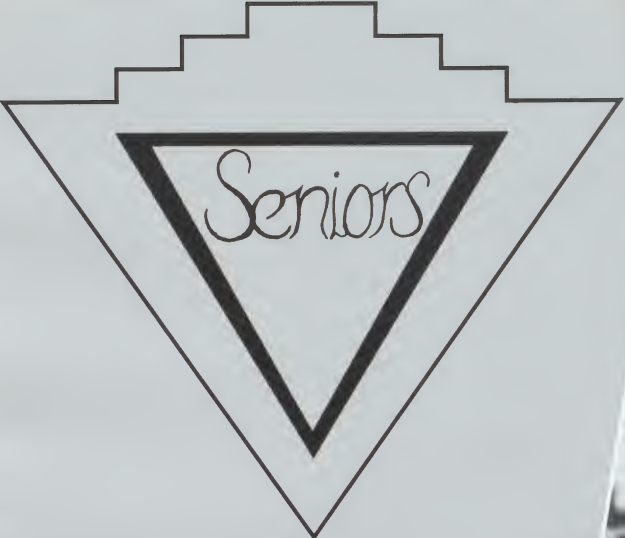


Mrs. Swartzell
Mr. Talt
Mrs. Tait
Mrs. Ward
Mr. Zimmer



In the upper left photo Mr. Middleton holds the attention of the chemistry class prior to the viewing of an RCHS-made video tape. In the above photo Mr. Potter helps students "socialize." To the left Mr. Kennedy prepares to lift Bomber voices in harmony.





Seniors

Making a Grand Exit

For the Class of 1988, the long journey here at RCHS is over. We have finally made it to the destination that seemed impossible when we walked into the building for the first time as timid freshmen. We will never forget the times we shared down the path to graduation, the friends we've lost, the friends we've made, and the times we have spent together. Times like winning fun fest and watching the senior guys

build the x-rated snowman at Monnette. What about the underwear outside Mr. McKim's door or the bomb threat our freshman year? And what about nicknames? The Moped Gang alias Hell's Tricycles, Wiper, Master Prater, Python, Pee Wee, Ratzo, Gangly, Arnold, Spanky, the Cat Molester, Psycho, and the Devil's Child.

The Class of 1988 is no stranger to sadness. We must remember Dave Miller. We

lost a classmate and a friend. We also must remember those who have moved: Doug Vanderweilen, Matt Henry, David Miller, Amy McCormick, and all others. When we split from our whole and go our separate ways it is important to look back at those who helped to mold us into what we are today. We must look back at our fellow classmates; we must look back at each other.





Homecoming 1987

The elements were favorable for all of the 1987 homecoming activities. Skits, speeches and toasted "Ingots" highlighted Thursday's bonfire rally. Friday's parade wound its way to the courthouse, where the seniors reprised their chorus line skit, the class of '91 received honors for best float and Coach Hainje delivered a "windy" challenge to Lake Station.



Rally revelers from photo left: Missy Prouty, Tracey Putt and the seniors; above: Angie Lashbrook, Kim Doolin, Christine Gembala, and Kim Kosta marching past the AMOCO; and a cheer lead by Jodi Webb, Jenni Snyder, Julie Prather, Sheila Broassard, Stacie Lanoue and Angie Bilyeu.



After the halftime crowning of Queen Jody Lewis by Bob Kenny, the Bombers finished with River Forest 22-0. The other candidates were Julie Wright, Cheri Lattimore, Lacey Ford, and Carrie Chapman (all pictured to the left). In the lower right photo Kyle Pfladderer, Joe Burvan, Scott Barton and Pat Geleott survey the opposition.



1987 Homecoming Queen
Jody Lewis

Bombers Gettin' Down to the Basics



Assembly Bombers Fall '81



Angie Eckholm



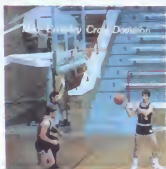
Steinke Announces



Basketballers huddle with Coach Hult



Marcy Robledo



Crossing Creek Down



Mead Meadows



Lori Murphy



Teronya Boring, Susie Lintner, Angie Stone, Heimg,
Angie Lashbrook



Jonell Davis, Jency Arnett, Pam Conley



Angie Klingler, Debbie Lashbrook, Stephanie Primeau



Phil McIntyre

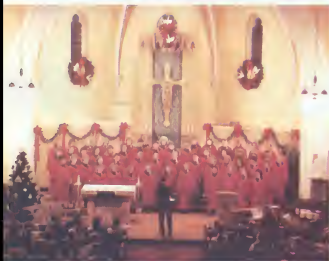


Misty Williams



Collard, Kerry and Sean Krogman

Seven Periods Plus . . .

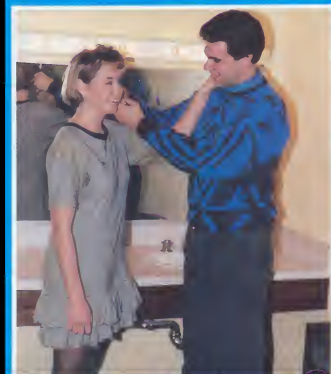
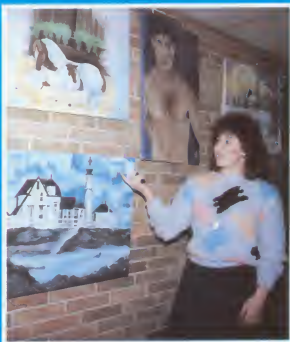
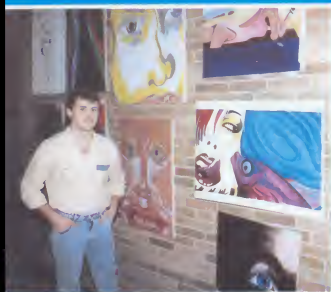


Heidi Nagel and Kelly Odorn at the Sunshine Tea. The choir at St. A's and Melanie Richie in the Business Lab. Estela Solis watching her 1st snow. Roger Nagel mugging for the camera.



Hall of Fame

Best Hair: Lacey Ford . . . Jeremy Korniak, Most Artistic: Rollin Hay . . . Sonya Zickmund, Best Dressed: Marianne Brandenburg . . . Chad Maxwell, Friendliest: Jody Lewis . . . Greg Michael.



Most Likely to
Succeed: Roger
Nagel ... Karla
Nesius
Most Musical:
Genny Jones
... Greg Mi-
chael
Teachers' Pet:
Tracey Putt
... Jamie Ahler



Most
Biggest



Talkative: Jennifer Nesius . . . Gugo Bassanini
 Flirt: Rick Stefanich . . . Pam Putts

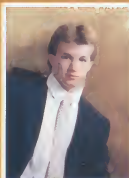


Most Athletic:
 Sam Odie
 . . . Craig Davis-
 son
 Most Humorous:
 Meridee
 Watt . . . Gary
 Sheffer w/ Le-
 anne Spall
 Best Looking:
 Jody Lewis
 . . . Jamie Ahler



SENIORS SAY GOODBYE

Jamie Ahler
Bill Allen
Rod Barkley
Scott Barton



Gugo Bassanini
Billy Bell
Jeff Biggs
Faith Bilyeu



Julie Bilyeu
Suzanne Bilyeu
Marianne
Brandenburg
Kim Bridgeman



Debbie Bulington
Marilyn Burris
Joe Burvan
Carrie Chapman





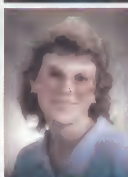
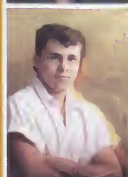
Herrick Chua
Jonell Davis
Craig Davisson
Steve Downard



Mark Fleming
Lacey Ford
Michelle Garcia
Kevin Gastineau



Kevin Goad
Stacey Griffin
Kim Hartley
Ruth (Wicks) Hartley



Rollin Hay
Mark Heinig
Christy Herre
Ken Hickman



Mike Hitchings
Kelly Hodnett
Pete Hoover
Genny Jones

Delmar Jordan, Jr.
Mark Jordan
Peggy Karns
Eva Kasky



Tammy Kellner
Bob Kenny
Jeremy Korniak
Russ Kozyra



Mat Kuyrkendall
Cheri Lattimore
Jody Lewis
John Lewis



Todd Lewis
Russ Lilly
Marty Lintner
Heather Louck



Tabby Malchow
Bill Maniscalco
Lina Manns
Marvin Manns





*Heather Mason
Chad Maxwell
Dawn Meeks
Greg Michael*



*Kelly Miller
Kevin Miller
Ken Mitchell
Laura Moit*



*Joe Moore
Susie Morris
Annette Mullins
Lori Murphy*



*Heidi Nagel
Roger Nagel
Jennifer Nesius
Karla Nesius*



*Beth Ockermann
Samantha Odle
Kelly Odom
Noelle Overton*

Scott Paluchniak
Lesa Pratt
Heather Prouty
Missy Prouty



Tracey Pull
Pam Putts
Melanie Richie
Michele Roberts



Dan Sargent
Shauna
Schaltenbrand
Sandy Scheurich
Darren Schultz



Gary Sheffer
David Shide
Jason Shumaker
Rita Shuster



Jodie Smith
Steffany Smith
Estela Solis
Donna Souders





Sam Sprouse
Rick Stefanich
Tim Steinke
David Stowers



Colette Studer
Pam Sutton
Rick Ullm
Katrina Vaughn



Rod Warran
Meridee Watt
Dana Webb
Jeff Webb



Chris Williams
Garner Wireman
Cheryl Wright
Julie Wright



Sonya Zickmund
Kirk Ziese

Not Pictured: Ted Abrams, Kellie Daniels, Lisa Hammersley, Stacey Haselou, Dan House, Marianne Linback, Vickie Parks, Jeff Prater, Sorn Simonsen, Alex Whitaker.

SENIORS

ON
THE
MOVE

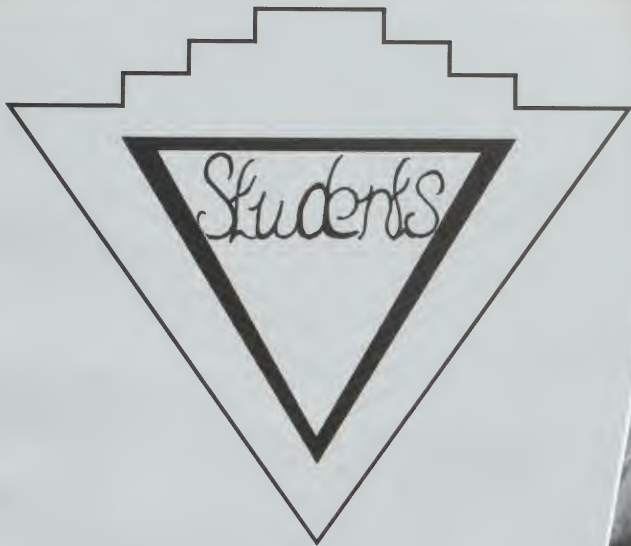




To Learn

For the second consecutive year, Mrs. Cappuccilli's morning and afternoon college prep classes traveled to the local kindergarten classes to help them with Young Authors Contest Contributions. The seniors were asked to listen closely to each bit of information and transcribe what the young students could not. The seniors listened to a variety of stories and enjoyed the time spent at the kindergarten. Kim Bridgeman, a senior who traveled to the kindergarten said, "The children were shy, but outgoing. As soon as the youngsters got acquainted with the older students, the shyness went away and they were able to dictate their stories."





The Spirit of '89, '90, and '91

The students at R.C.H.S. are bound together by spirit for our teams and a common interest in the good of the school. Each class, however, has individual concerns and elements, which make them different from one another. These factors have continued to hold the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors of the R.C.H.S. student body together.

As the freshmen began the year, the schedules and the

routines of the school seemed new to them, but soon the confusion of the first day was far away. By the end of the year, the freshman class had packed nine months of games, dances, and other extracurricular activities into their first high school year.

As sophomores, the students just had one year of high school behind them. At the end of the year, their high school careers were half over. The sophomore class

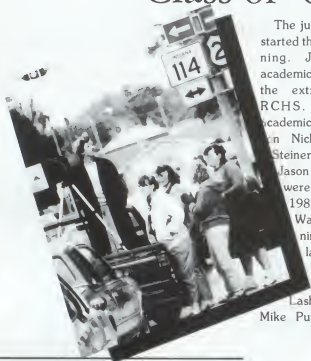
became more involved in clubs and activities, but also saw an increase in the demands of the courses.

Juniors have ended their first year as upperclassmen and have one more year to go. They are tomorrow's seniors.

The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes during the 1987-1988 school year realized their potentials as they showed their pride and interest in R.C.H.S..



Class of '89, Close to the Top !!



The juniors were on the move and started this year off with a great beginning. Juniors did quite well academically and contributed a lot to the extra-curricular activities at RCHS. Outstanding juniors academically were: Angie Sigman, Ken Nichols, Jenni Arnett, Sarah Steiner, Shannon Stanley, and Jason Teeters. Junior athletes who were outstanding during the 1987-88 school year were: Tim Walker, Ken Michal, Scott Jennings, Mark Davisson, Jim Collard, Mike Crowley, Steve Wilson, Jeff Campbell, Anthony Manns, Debbie Lashbrook, Stephanie Jennings, Mike Putman, Jamie Nelson, Beth

Staddon, Jodi and Julie Elijah. This was the first year for many for Prom and they were eager and excited to be the sponsors of the 1988 year end dance. Lots of money was raised through selling oranges and grapefruit. They are getting very anxious for their Senior year at Rensselaer Central High School. Many juniors attended meetings to their favorite colleges who were here to sell the Class Of '89 on their programs. The juniors definately have their futures in mind and are looking forward to getting on with their careers and getting away from their parents. (Ha! Ha!) The juniors are a bright bunch and are ready to take on whatever life brings their way.

Juniors

Sheila Allen
Jason Arnold
Lana Arnold
Jenny Arnette
Roxanne Bacewic
Guyanne Barton



Colleen Bell
Jennifer Bell
Adam Bilyeu
Angela Bilyeu
Sheila Broussard
Mathew Brown



Lisa Brunton
Kathy Bulington
Robbie Burges
Chris Chalifoux
Steve Clapp
Carina Clark



Shara Coley
Jim Collard
Pam Conley
Mike Crowley
Donna Curnutt
Lori Dale





Mark Davissou
Kim Doolin
Jeff Dunlap
Jodi Elijah
Julie Elijah
Connie Filson



Dana Fletcher
Tim Florence
Linda Fox
Teresa Gehring
Pat Geleott
Mike Grzesik



Angela Hale
Angie Hall
April Harrington
Daymond Hartley
Bob Hickman
Tammy Hicks



Edwina Hughes
Sam Hughes
Shelly Ingram
Scott Jennings
Stephanie Jennings
Angie Jordan



Donna Jordan
Ken Junk
Tracy Justice
Carl Kendall
Sharon Kenny
Steve Klaus



Mike Kleist
Angie Klingler
Matt Koehler
Eddy Korniak
Kim Kosta
David Kozyra



Cathy Lane
Gale Lane
Randy Lane
Stacie Lanoue
Debbie Lashbrook
Karen Leichty

Michelle Leipert
Lisa Lintner
Anthony Manns
Ernie Manns
Mick McClanahan
Dennis McElfresh



Melissa McElfresh
Sheila McEwen
Eddie Mendez
Ken Michal
Mike Mikolajczak
Carl Minter



Doug Mitchell
Brian Moore
Jody Moore
Rich Moore
Lisa Murphy
Kris Nagel



Jamie Nelson
Jon Nichols
Michelle Northcutt
Ruth Odle
Tony Ohanis
Ted Oliver



Chad Osman
Franco Pedone
Kyle Pflederer
Kent Potts
Stacey Primeau
Stephanie Primeau



Cathy Prohowsky
Dan Pullins
Mike Putman
Craig Putt
Fred Putts
Mike Rayburn



Elaine Reyes
Dan Ringen
Alesia Risner
Eric Ritter
Jim Roberts
Marcy Robledo





Alisa Rude
Ester Saucedo
Terry Sayers
Wendi Schrum
Gretchen Schulenberg
Thonda Schultz



Debi Shearer
Richard Schultz
Angie Sigman
Bob Smith
Beth Staddon
Craig Standish



Shannon Stanley
Sarah Steiner
Donna Stevens
Chuck Stone
Mike Stone
Jason Teeters



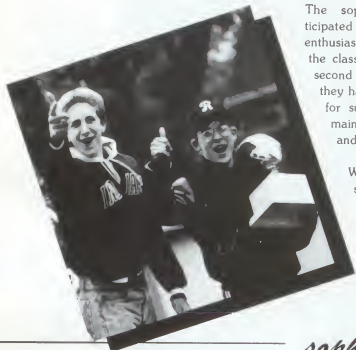
Angela Todd
Don Tomlinson
Michelle Tucker
Theresa Valade
A.J. VanMeter
Tim Walker



Deanna Welch
Julie Whaley
Steve Wilson
Laura Wireman
Ryan Wood
Rodney Woudema



Sophomore Class Leaving Mark on RCHS



The sophomore class participated in school activities with enthusiasm this past year. As the class of '90 enjoyed their second year of high school, they had fun as they worked for success in the two remaining high school years, and the future.

With school activities such as games, spirit weeks pep sessions and friends, something fun could always be found. Students cheered

on the members of all teams from football, swimming and track to our spelling team with sophomores taking part in all of the groups.

As this class enjoyed the spirit weeks, they saw some interesting days such as "crazy hair day" and worked together to win first place on "class color day."

The class of '90 is a class that proves that the high school years can be the best years of a person's life, for this is a class that's sure to leave a mark on this high school, and the people they meet.

sophomores

Paige Arihood
Heather Arndt
Wendi Arnett
George Bailey
Marie Barton
Erin Beaver



Stacie Beaver
Julie Best
Jennifer Bitterling
Mike Blake
Mark Blake
Linda Bohannon



Donya Boring
Jeff Brandenburg
Chris Bulfin
Tonya Burnes
Jana Carroll
Jeremy Carroll



Gigi Challis
Brian Charnness
Chris Claussen
Kevin Cochran
Mary Collins
Missy Conley





Shane Conley
Tonya Conley
David Cotner
Cara Craig
Brenda Crawford
Matt Crouch



Tammy DeBoard
Tracy DeWees
Monica Eaton
Angie Eckholm
Valerie Erb
John Flatt



Tom Fleming
Bill Fontaine
Stacie Fontaine
Mike Frailey
Andy Francis
Christine Gembala



John Groppe
Greg Grzesik
Angela Gutwein
Brian Hale
Sherrie Hall
Jason Hamer



Krista Hartley
Kim Haun
Crystal Hawkes
Paula Herre
Chad Hickman
Terri Hicks



Kathie Hodnett
Craig Hooker
Stacy Huff
Kyle Hurley
James Ingram
Stephanie Jarrette



Trent Judy
Karen Jung
Chris Kellner
Alesia Killmer
Melissa Killmer
Maia Kingman

Sean Kingman
Bill Knoff
Tony Knoff
Emmy Krellkamp
Mike Langley
Angie Lashbrook



Scott Lashbrook
Tara Lewis
Susie Lintner
Matthew Louck
Mike Lowry
Jeremy Malia



Debbie Manns
Scott Manns
Paul Mason
Shawna Mathew
Phillip McIntyre
Jenny Moore



Carl Mullins
Brian Murphy
Julie Murphy
Heather Murray
Jason Nesius
David Odle



Cindy Pack
Troy Paluchniak
Dawn Ploss
Julie Prather
Cheryl Prohosky
Kim Putman



Amy Rayburn
Michelle Redweik
Kelly Richie
Scott Ringen
David Roberts
Dave Robledo



Jim Saucedo
Mike Sayers
Jimmy Schnelle
Theresa Shepherd
Wade Shuey
Mike Skinner





Daphne Smith
Scott Smith
Jenni Snyder
Corey Staddon
Julie Steele
Laura Stefanich



Angie Stone
Joetta Stone
Kathy Swanson
Charles Thomas
Dick Todd
Joe Todd



Jason Towler
Tracie Tucker
Tara Ulm
Jennifer Vohlken
Shermetta Wagner
Dan Walker



David Warren
Jodi Webb
Israel Whitted
Buddy Wicker
Misty Williams
Jennifer Wireman



Renee Woolley
Harold Wright
John Wright
Shannon Greene
Jeanne Hall



Left: Donya Boring and Christine Gembala show their spirit in the annual Homecoming Parade. Far left: Julie Prather smiles for the camera during a pep session early in the year.

Spirit of '91

The freshmen have quickly adapted to High School life and have gotten into the school spirit. Homecoming Week found the freshmen working especially hard. Tuesday night during the bonfire, Reverend Walter Stanley (pictured left) held a mock funeral service for the soon to be slaughtered Ingots. Those attending the service were the Ingot and Rensselaer cheerleaders, friends of the family, and Sister Leanne Spall. Although they only

received fourth place on their skit, the freshmen did exceptionally well on their float by coming out on top with first place. The theme for the float and skit was "KILL THE INGOTS!" Many freshmen also added their efforts by participating in the different spirit day activities. All in all the freshmen did a good job by getting involved and were out to win the spirit points! Their spirit and dedication showed that Bomber Pride is still alive at R.C.H.S. Good Job Freshmen!!

freshmen

Andrea Anderson
Matt Anderson
Brian Arnold
Heather Baker
Shannon Barton
Shannon Baunach



Mark Bilyeu
Daniel Black
Dan Brandenburg
Cheryl Burdick
Jerry Burge
Nick Carlson



Gary Clapp
Cary Claussen
Katrina Cole
Chris Conrad
Crystal Crapsey
Jerry Cross



Miranda Curin
Donita Cornutt
Damon Daniels
Travis Davis
David Dewey
Mark Donnelly





Cina Dowty
Amber Dunlap
Ab Edmonds
Gabe Edwards
Jenniffer Effinger
Heidi Eldridge



Maureen Folenga
Jamie Garcia
Dan Gehring
Steve Gehring
Heather Groom
Scott Hale



Becki Hall
Mike Hammond
Sarah Hansen
Connie Harrolle
Malisa Heath
Shawn Hensler



Theresa Hensley
David Hickman
Chris Hodnett
Beth Hornbeck
Roderick Hughes
Nancy Hutton



Jennifer Ivey
Don Jordan
Anna Joseph
Paul Justice
Kevin Kellner
Julie Koebecke



Steph Kronen
Juli Lakin
Tonya Lane
Jason Lintner
Tom Lloyd
Tony Lloyd



Terry Luttrell
Rhonda Lynch
Scott Maienbrook
Jason Malone
Christy Mathew

Missi Messman
Mark Meyer
Jimmy Miller
Julie Miller
Kelly Mitchell
Jeff Molt



Kristin Moriarty
Brien Murphy
Greg Murphy
Erica Murray
Gretchen Nagel
Julie Nuss



Amy Osman
Todd Overton
Kori Pflederer
Chris Phegley
Kim Pierson
Lynn Potter



Greg Potts
Jennifer Putt
Jeff Rayburn
Chaz Robinson
Rhonda Robinson
Troy Rule



Michele Sargent
Scott Sayers
Wade Schults
Patrick Schuttrow
Dan Scripser
Susan Scripser



Janet Shuster
Melody Sizemore
Robert Smith
Leanne Spall
Walter Stanley
Kelly Steinke



Kim Steinke
Nicole Sykes
Mike Tycheck
Erica VanMeter
Chris Walling
Cory Watt





Jeani Webb
Catrina Westfall
Johanna White
Jamie Wicker
Brian Wicks
Rick Wienrank

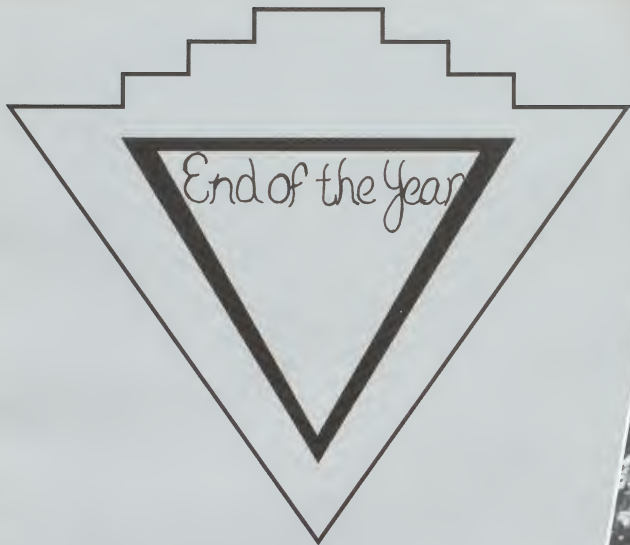


Kim Williams
Lana Williams
Brian Wood
A.J. Wortley
Eric Woudema









The End of the Line

Finally, the 1987-1988 school year has come to an end. Back in last August it seemed like an eternity until this day. This past year was a year full of exciting new events. It was a year in which to make new friends and to strengthen the bonds with old friends as well. We experienced many new aspects of education and now know that it is possible to have fun while learning. For the seniors of R.C.H.S the long journey is

over. They are the ones who have witnessed the most: different administrators, different teachers, and various ways to develop themselves mentally, socially, and physically. After all, isn't that what school is all about? The aid in developing people!

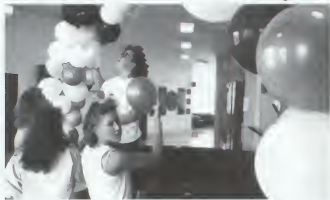
As for the underclassmen, well, we can say they saw a lot as well, but there is more in store for them! Graduation is another year closer for all underclassmen, and it is im-

portant to remember to make good times a way of life and to make the most of the time you have left in high school.

In laying out the final, or end of the year section of your yearbook we have tried to capture the highlights of the past year. We hope that in years to come when you look through these pages you can accurately recall the 1987-1988 school year.



The Time of Your Life



Creating the moment
at prom: (top left)
Sheila Broussard and
Teresa Valade balloon
the archway; Mark
Davisson "stuffs" a
clock; (directly above)
Lynn Potter and
Shannon Barton serve.

The court: Steve
Downard, Lacey Ford,
Jeremy Korniak,
Tracey Putt, Juli
Wright, Roger Nagel,
Chad Maxwell, Eva
Kasky, Greg Michael
and Jody Lewis.



Junior-Senior Prom 1988



To the left: Matt Brown and Julie Prather dance while Beth Staddon looks for the cameraman. Below: Kris Nagel and Sarah Steiner hug after awards are given for organizing the prom. Lower left: King Roger Nagel and Queen Juli Wright enjoy a regal dance. Lower right: Stacie Lanoue, Eddie Korniok, Jason Teeters, and Tim Walker.



Prom Court

King	Roger Nagel
Queen	Juli Wright
Steve Downard .	Lacey Ford
Jeremy Korniak .	Eva Kasky
Chad Maxwell . .	Jody Lewis
Greg Michael . .	Tracey Putt

Dancin' the Night Away



Pleasing to the Palette



Art Fair participants: (clockwise from top left) Beth Staddon, judging, Bill Hogan, Marvin Manns and Greg Murphy.

FUN FEST SURE



Top Left: John Lewis leaps for a victory! Top Right: The Juniors roll their way forward! Middle Left: Missi Messman and Julie Koebecke run enthusiastically toward their opponents! Middle Right: Pam Putts, Franco Pedone, Lesa Pratt, Jodie Smith pose for the camera! Bottom Left: Freshmen girls look for a victory!

Graduation Class of 1988



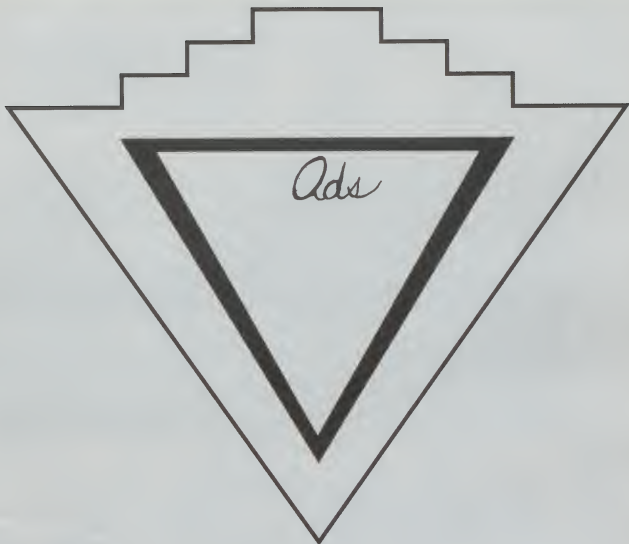


On May 22 another RCHS class graduated. On page 122, upper left, Theresa Valade and Mr. Day set the stage for commencement. Directly to the left Mr. Heinig addresses the graduates. Directly below, Sandy Scheurich, Gary Sheffer, Tim Steinke, Peggy Karns and Mr. Day solemnly enter the gym. At the bottom of the page, Peggy Karns delivers the valedictorian speech.



In the picture to the right, Tabby Malchow delivers a speech. Directly below, Heidi Nagel, Jeff Webb, Heather Louck, and Laura Moit sing to the graduates and families. At the bottom of the page, (from left to right) Gugo Bassinini, Scott Barton, Rod Barkley, Bill Allen, and Jamie Ahler move their tassels over at the official moment of "graduation."





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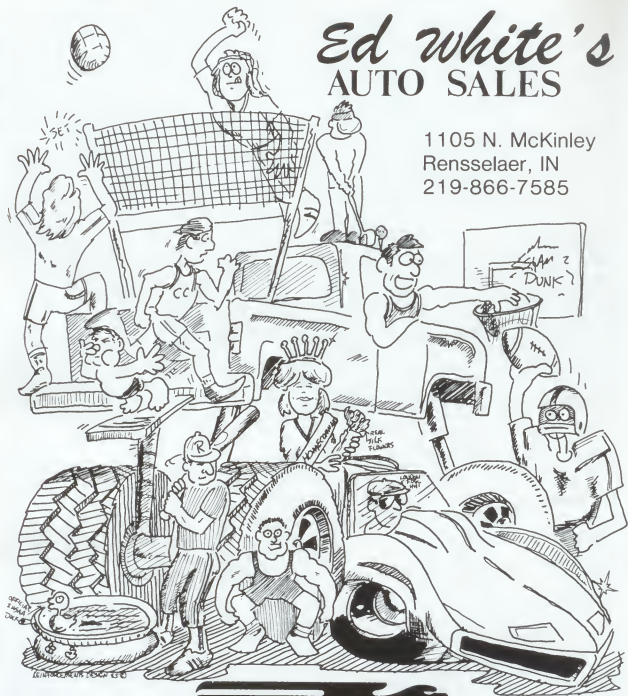
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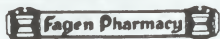
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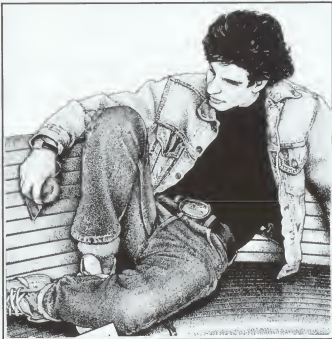


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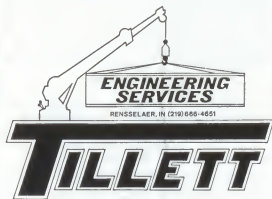
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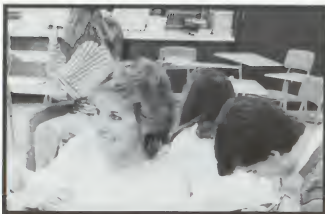
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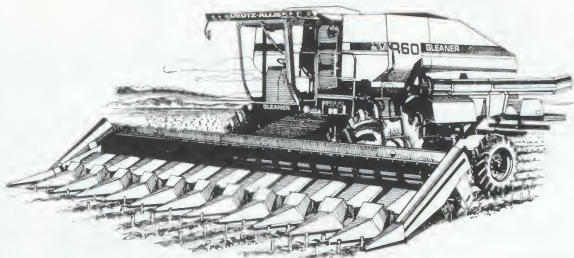
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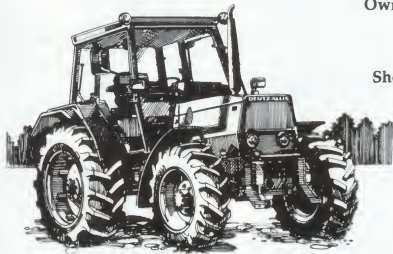
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